

gallons a day, and there are plans to raise that to more than 200 million gallons. He was directly involved in bringing that about."

Former Toledo Councilwoman Carol Pietrykowski said she was chairwoman of the council committee that hired Mr. Daken. She noted that "Jim came in and made a presentation, very professionally, and I was impressed with it. Whatever Jim did, he did well."

Later, Mr. Daken as city manager impressed Mrs. Pietrykowski again with his ability to explain to each council member complicated legislation that was coming before council.

"He was the most communicative and the easiest city manager to work with while I was on council," Mrs. Pietrykowski said. "When there was an issue, he would come to every councilman. He would answer every question we had. And he was very fair with the city council's office staff."

Mrs. Pietrykowski added that Mr. Daken "knew who he worked for. It was city council in those days."

J. Michael Porter, a former city manager, said that when he was Toledo's director of natural resources and parks and working for Mr. Daken, he was most impressed with Mr. Daken's memory "and his style. I think he brought a presence to the position that was very important. When he was city manager and he appeared in front of the media, you always felt you were in good hands with Jim Daken."

Mr. Porter added that Mr. Daken was a "professional's professional. He believed in the city-manager system and did everything he could to enhance the profession."

Mr. Daken was city manager in Peoria from 1979 to 1987 and was vice president of the Foster and Gallagher, Inc., mail order and telemarketing firm in Peoria from 1987 to 1996. He was executive director of the Peoria Historical Society from 1997 to 1999, when he took his most recent job as Peoria County administrator.

His daughter, Amy, described him as a very intelligent and just person who "had a lot of integrity. I think he just really tried the hardest to do what he truly believed was right. He had a very strong sense of social justice and civil rights. He always stood for people who were oppressed and always thought about them."

She added that he recently told her a story about his trip to Peoria just before he became city manager there.

"The first thing he said was, 'Show me the slums, because that's what the state of the city is,'" she said.

He also recently refused to get a higher pay increase than the people working for the county under him, she said.

Raised in Cincinnati where he finished high school, Mr. Daken held a bachelor's in political science and a master's in public administration from the University of Cincinnati. In 1964, he began his career as a student intern for the city of Cincinnati. He later worked as a budget analyst for the city of Cincinnati until the city of Toledo hired him as its assistant manager.

Mr. Daken was a member of Toledo's Downtown Kiwanis, Old Newsboys Good-fellow Association, American Society for Public Administration, Children's International Summer Villages Association and YMCA, Peoria Rotary Club, where he was president in 1997, and the Peoria Symphony, for which he was a longtime member of the board.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy; daughters, Amy and Sarah, and sons, Russ and Kevin.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Peoria. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today in Wright and Salmon Mortuary, Peoria.

The family request tributes to a charity of the donor's choice.

TRIBUTE TO SILVIA RILEY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime staff member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Silvia Riley. She came to the House of Representatives 35 years ago to work in a Member's personal office, Clement Zablocky. In January 1970, she joined what was then the Education and Labor Committee as a secretary. In 1977, her title changed to staff assistant, and the following year she was promoted to Minority Clerk. Three years ago, Silvia's title changed again, and she became the Financial Administrator.

No matter what her title has been, Silvia's role has remained constant. She is one of the pillars of the committee, ensuring that administrative functions run smoothly. Silvia Riley is the person who orients new staff members, and she is the last person departing staff members see, to turn in their keys.

Silvia has always handled all aspects of her work in an exemplary fashion. The committee has passed its annual reconciliation by the General Accounting Office with flying colors for as long as Silvia has been the Financial Administrator.

Silvia has served under six Republican Ranking Members and one Republican Chairman. Throughout her tenure, she has exhibited an extraordinary personal commitment to the committee. One of her most memorable challenges occurred when Republicans became the Majority after the 1994 elections. Silvia was at work on New Year's Day, preparing space and materials for the Republican Majority staff.

Silvia has always been there for the Members and staff, whether it's problems with supplies or guidance on where to turn for special requests. Whenever a major project needs additional volunteers, Silvia is always the first to sign up.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I, too will be retiring at the end of this Congress. I am very fortunate to have had my 26 years here coincide with Silvia Riley's. Members and staff join me in wishing her all the best as she leaves the committee to devote time to her family, particularly her mother. They are fortunate to get her back, and the committee was lucky to have her on board for 31 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOB HEILVEIL, TONY VOLPONENTEST AND JENNIFER BUTCHER, U.S. PARALYMPIC TEAM ATHLETES

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize these members of the U.S. Paralympic team. These extraordinary athletes have overcome great barriers to achieve athletic feats among their peers.

These athletes have recently competed at the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, one of the most elite multi-disability sports competitions. They have contended with a record setting 3,824 athletes from over 120 countries.

Jacob Heilveil, from Bothell, has competed in several sports including basketball and notably as a marathoner. Born in Korea, Jacob contracted polio and was left with residual paralysis and the determination to succeed. In Sydney, he raced as part of the men's wheelchair relay and in the marathon. racing in the paraplegic classification, he finished the marathon course in 1 hour, 36 minutes and 6 seconds.

Tony Volpentest, from Mountlake Terrace, is the current world record holder in the 200-meter sprint with a time of 23.07 seconds. He competed in his first Paralympics in 1992 and has been returning successfully since then. In 1996, he won two gold medals and broke both world and Paralympic records. His time for the 100-meters, 11.36 seconds, is barely behind the time for able-bodied athletes, 9.86 seconds. Tony was born without hands or feet, but that has not stopped him from setting new records and frequently beating able-bodied athletes at numerous other races. Tony's grandfather, Sam Volpentest, a Tri-Cities leader, justifiably expresses his pride in Tony's accomplishments.

Jennifer Butcher came to these games as her first international competition. She participated in several swimming events: the 200-meter individual medley, 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter freestyle. Jennifer, an Issaquah native, left Sydney with a bronze medal in the women's visually impaired class of the 100-meter freestyle. At home in Portland, she works at a school for the blind.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these athletes for their determination, hard work and incredible success. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting their fine example of sportsmanship and success on the international stage.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6540, important legislation that